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1. The Political Department of the SMIA held a conference on 21 October 1948 which was attended by political officers and chiefs of the Land political sections. The main points under consideration were the prevention of "special incidents", i.e., desertions, and the strengthening of military discipline.
2. Accordingly, on 22 October 1948 the Political Department issued a directive explaining what constitutes treason to the Fatherland. This directive demands the immediate improvement of party work and heightened Bolshevik vigilance, and the consequent reorganization of all party activity.
3. To realize the objective of the conference and the above directive, the Political Affairs Section (Polit Utdel) of the SMIA, Saxony created several commissions composed of Political Department employees and other responsible men. These commissions will be assigned to sections of the command where discipline is lowest. They will be expected to take proper steps to correct the situation.

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